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# DANE COUNTY.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, &c.

The 43d parallel of north latitude, within a minute fraction, passes through the centre of Dane county, in longitude 89°, 20′, west from Greenwich. The county is bounded on the North by Sauk and Columbia counties; Eastby Jefferson and Dodge; South by Rock and Green; and West by lowa. Its altitude above the Atlantic Ocean, at the level of the Fourth Lake, is 758 feet, and above Lake Michigan, 210 feet. It is by far the largest of the older settled counties, containing thirty five townships—1235 square miles—or 790.400 acres of land.

The surface in general slopes to the east and south-rising gradually from a level on its eastern border, of about 165 feet above Lake Michigan, until the vicinity of the Blue Mounds is reached, near its western limits. These Mounds are the highest points In the state, their symmits attaining an elevation of 1000 feet above the Wisconsin river at Helena. The geological structure of the country is worthy of notice in this connection, since the quality of soil in a given district, depends almost entirely upon the wash it receives from its highlands. A section through Blue Mounds, would show the following result, beginning at the top and descending vertically: Hornstone 410 feet; Magnesian lime, or lead bearing rock, 169 feet; Saccharold sandstone 40 feet; Alternations of sand and limestone, 188 feet; Sandstone 3 feet; Lower limestone, (at the level of the Wisconsin.) 190 feet. It will thus be seen that limestone forms the principal masses of solid rock; but in addition to this, the drift formation which covers the surface, is composed in considerable proportion, of limestone bowlders and pebbles. Thus all the elements exist to form a soil of the best possible description, for agricultural purposes; and accounts for that thorough impregnation of time, so essential to certain crops.

#### PRINCIPAL RIVERS, CREEKS, AND LAKES.

From what is above stated of the physical outlines of the county, the intelligent reader would readily infer that numerous streams have their sources within its limits. The following is a brief enumeration of the more important ones—

BLUE MOUNDS CREEK rises in the north-west part of the county, and flows into Black Earth River.

BLACK EARTH RIVER has its source near the head of Fourth Lake. It flows north westerly, through a lovely valley, and empties into the Wisconsin at Arena.

THE WISCONSIN RIVER.—This noble stream borders the north-west corner of the county, cutting off about half a township. It is the great artery of interior commerce with the west, affording through the steamers plying upon it, communication with the whole valley of the Mississippi. With the completion of the Fox River improvement, a line of steam communication will also be opened eastward, to the Great Lakes.

BOILING CREEK rises in the town of Farmersville, and flows north into the Wisconsin.

WATERLOO CREEK .- This stream has its source in the north east portion of the county, and running easterly empties into the Crawfish, a brauch of Rock River.

THE CAT FISH.—This stream, connecting the Four Lakes, and forming their outlet, is by far the most important, forming as it does the great basin of the county.—A description of its valley is reserved until we speak of lakes. Its source is the Fourth Lake, and taking a south easterly course, its waters are discharged into Rock River, a few mile south of the county line.

THE BAD FISH is a tranch of the Cat Fish, coming in from the west.

Sugar River has its source in the south west part of the county, and flowing south, empties into Rock River. Its valley is a magnificent farming country.

THE PECATORICA has branches rising in the south west corner of the county. Great numbers of small streams flow in the lakes on all sides. The two largest are Door and Token Creeks—the former flowing into First, and the latter into Fourth Lake. As all these water courses have their origin in springs, the reads: may well imagine that every section is well watered.

#### LAKES IN DANE COUNTY.

The lakes in this county are the most beautival objects that imagination can picture, and lend a chirm to the scenery such as few, if any localities can present.—
There are nuall twelve lakes in Dane county—but the principal, and those most attractive are the Four Lakes, lying in the valley of the Cat Fish, and nearly in a row, from north-west to south-east. A brief description of each, is all that space allows.—
They must be seen to be appreciated.

FIRST LARE.-This lake is the lowest of the four. Its longest diameter is three and one-cighth miles, by two miles in its shortest; its circumference is nine and a half miles, and it covers five square miles. It is situated nine miles above Dunkirk Falls, near the southern line of the county.

Second Larr.—This body of water lies three and a half miles above First Larr.—Its length is three and a half miles, and its width about two; and, with the First, has an average depth of about twelve feet.

THIED LAKE is next above at a distance of seven-eights of a mile. It is about six and a half miles long, by two broad, occupying an area of six square miles.—Madison, the County Scat and Capital of the State, is located on the strip of land between it and the next about one mile across.

FURTH LARE.—This is the uppermost and by far the largest of the Four Lakes. It has a periphery of nineteen and one fourth miles, and covers an area of fifteen and sixty-five hundredths square miles. Its diameter is six miles by nine.

The water of all these Lakes, coming from springs, is cold and clear to a remarkable degree. For the most part, their shores are made of a fine gravel shingle; and their bottoms, which are visible at a great depth, are composed of white sand, interspersed with granite bowlders. Their banks, with few exceptions, are bold. A jaunt upon them affords almost every variety of scenery—bold escarpments and over-hanging cliffs, elevated peaks, and gently sloping shores, with graceful swales or interva's affording magnificent views of the distant prairies and openings. They abound in fish of a great variety of species—and water towls innumerable sport upon the surface—Persons dearing to settle in sightly locations, with magnificent views of water and wood land scenery, may find hundreds of unoccupied places of unsurpassed beauty upon and near their margins.

#### PRAIRIES, OPENINGS, SOIL, &c.

The surface of the county, as before intimated, is all rolling—hills and valleys succeeding each other—presenting much such an appearance as we might suppose the ocean would present, if, after being lashed by a tempest, its waters were instantly congealed, and the surface clothed with verdure. Hills are seldom so abrupt that they may not be cultivated even upon their summits; valleys, though well watered, are very rarely marshy. There is not a county in the state containing so large a be dy

of good lands, as Dane. It is doubtful whether there is a single section, not covered by water, which would not be capable of profitable cultivation. The soil is composed for the most part, of the black deposit of decayed vegetation, which for countless ages has flourished in wild luxurisinee and rotted upon the surface; of loam, and in a few localities, of clay mixed with sand. The deposit of vegetable mould has uniformly several inches of thickness on the tops and sides of hills; in the valleys it is frequently a number of feet. A soil thus created of impalpable powder formed of the clembers of organic matter—"the dust of death i—we need scarcely remark, is adapted in the highest and most profitable purposes of agriculture—yielding crop after crop in rank alundance, without any artificial manuring.

#### SETTLEMENT, AND GROWTH IN POPULATION.

Dane county was set off from the west part of Milwaukee, and the cast part of Iowa counties, in 1836; but was not organized as a separate county until 1859. At the date of its creation, the total population of Wisconsin did not exceed 10,000-nd, as the county is just half way between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi, it will not excite surprise when it is stated that it then contained but ONE permanent settler—Ebenezer Brighnm, of Blue Mounds—and that its growth for a few years was quite slow. The following table, compiled from authentic sources, shows the increase in population to the present time—

1835	
1838	
1840	
1842	
1844—estimated	
1846	
1847 – December 25th	
1850—June 1st	
1851—estimated to June 1st	

The following table is taken from the last census returns, and exhibits the popuation by townships, as well as the number of cultivated farms—

Townships.	Population.	Farms.
Oregon	638	82
Rutland		85
Dunkick	852	87
Albion		99
Greenfield		66
Dunn		38
Madison-(this town is mostly occupied by Lak		20
Blooming Grace	291	17
Pleasant spring		86
Christiana	1054	85
Cottage Grove		85
Deerfield		40
Windsor	860	72
Sun Prairie	500	77
York	615	87
Medina	450	67
Bristol	511	75
Vienna	274	25
Westport	220	17
Dane'	28₹	-
Cross Plains		
Middleton	304	autorit.
Verona	438	
Springfield	326	
Roxbury		W-77
Blue Mounds	315	***
Primrose	348	
Springdale	338	_
Montrose	393	_
Berry	207	_
Farmersville	245	301*
Total	16,638	1511

Population December, 1847, 10,935; Increase 5,703. Aggregate number of farms in the several towns marked thus (-) 311, as above stated.

The number of dwelling houses in the county at the census date, was 3210; the number of saw-mills driven by water 12; by steam 3; flouring mills 4-total mills 19.

The healthiness of the climate is remarkable. Notwithstanding the visitation of the cholera last season, the total number of deaths for the year was only 136—cr one to 124 of the population. When the exposures and vicissitudes incident to the settlement of a new country, are taken into account, it will be seen that for healthfulness, this country will compare with the most favorable sections in this respect in the United States.

The total area of the county, as before stated, is 1235 square miles. Thirty five sections it is estimated, are occupied by lakes and marshy grounds, leaving 1200 sections capable of improvement—or 708,000 acres. This would make 19,200 farms of dares each; 9,600 of 80 acres; or 4,800 of 169. The number of cultivated farms, as appears by census, is 1511; their average size, it is believed, does not exceed 80 acres; thus leaving 8,199 such farms still unoccupied. This estimate, of course, is not absolutely accurate, but it approximates very nearly to the actual condition of things—The 16th section in each township belongs to the Common School Fund. This embraces a total of 21,720 acres. The total appraised value is \$71.547.55. The number of acres sold on the 1st of January last, was 6,560—leaving 15,160 acres unsold. These lands are subject to entry at the appraised value, and payments for the same, 10 per cent, per annum on the principal, with 7 per cent. interest. The University of the State has 64 sections of choice lands located in the county. The minimum price is fixed by law at \$7 per acre—terms of payment same as School Lands.

The following table, showing the number of acres assessed, and valuation of the same for taxable purposes, since 1846, is taken from the records of the county, and exhibits a steady and rapid increase.

Year.	No. of Acres.	Valuation.
1846		473 269
1847	247.087	527.479
1848	327.129	740,939
1849	426 123	1.165.292
1850	514.727	1,369,753

Abundance of farming lands of most excellent quality, and well located, may be purchased at prices varying from \$1.50 to \$5 per acre, with favorable terms of payment. Government lands, as the table shows, have mostly been entered.

The principal villages in the county, other than Madison, are Clinton and Cambridge, both in the town of Christiana, on the east side of the county. Clinton contains a grist mill, saw mill, carding machine, tavern. 3 stores. 2 grocery stores. 2 blacksmith shops, 2 wagon makers, and a number of other mechanics. Cambridge is situated  $2^{1}/2$  miles north of Clinton, and is the larger of the two places. Stoughton is another village of about the same size, south-east of Madison.

#### SCHOOLS, AND PROVISION FOR EDUCATION.

The system of public education in this new state, is but just commenced. Limited as the time has been, however, very much has been accomplished, as will be seen by the following statistics of this county—taken from the Superintendent's Report—

Number of School Districts	161
Number of children between 4 and 20 years of age attending school.	3566
Number of do residing in the county,	5328
Amount of public money received	3597
Amount from all sources	5089 4

The average number of months schools have been taught 4 30-100ths; the average wages paid mail teachers during the past year. \$14 22 per month; female teachers \$6 99. When it is remembered that our school system has been practically

but a little over a year in operation, and the spareity of population compared with the area of the county, is taken into account, this is truly a remarkable exhibit.—

A year more, with the increased development of the School Fund, will probably secure to every child the means of acquiring an education.

#### ROADS & AVENUES TO MARKET.

The common roads of the county are as numerous as necessary and it may be said of them as of prairie countries in general, they are always in passable order.—
It requires but little labor to open roads through the openings, and, if bridging over small streams is excepted, none through the prairies.

The following are the principal avenues laid out, and in process of construction which, when completed, will open convenient markets to every part of the county—

1st. The Fox and Wisconsin River Improvement. This great work is nearly completed, and when finished, opens a communication by steamers to the whole valley of the Mississippi and the Great Lakes—securing both markets to farmers in the

ley of the Mississippi and the Great Lakes—securing both marke north and north-west part of the county.

2d. The Milwaukee, Watertown, and Madison Plank Road will open a convenient

avenue from the east side of the county. It is already completed forty miles—from Watertown to Milwankee.

3d. The Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad. The cars are now running between Milwaukee and Wankesha, 23 miles; and the road will doubtless be completed to Whitewater (55 miles) by next November. Should it be continued on as expected, it

will enter Dane county on the south-east, and Madison is made a point in its

charter. From thence it will pass through the west part of the county, and terminate on the Mississippi.

4th. The Madison, Janesville, and Chicago Railroad. The Rock River Valley Union Railroad is expected to connect with the Chicago road at Janesville, and a very liberal charter has been obtained for a road to Madison. When completed, it will open a direct communication with the great railway avenue to the scaboard.

Thus the avenues to distant markets for the future surplus of this great county are numerons and convenient, and their completion within a limited period may be confidently relied upon. The domestic market, however, is quite extensive. The fouring mills of the county are constantly cetive, and the extensive one at Madison is fitted for eight run of stones. The supplying of the upper Pineries will for years create a large demand for the produce of our farmers.

#### CLIMATE, CULTIVATION OF FRUIT, &c.

It may be safely averred that no section of country in the temperate zone enjoys a pleasanter climate than southern Wisconsin. It is equally removed from the extremes of heat and cold. Winters, though occasionally long and severe, are more commonly mild and delicious, often with the temperature of early spring. Snow rarely falls to the depth of 20 inches; and two-thirds of the seasons, it does not exceed 5, all together. Spring opens about the first of April, and it is rare that injury is done by frosts. Summers are warm, but tempered by proximity to the great lakes. Autumn is generally the pleasantest part of the year. Cold weather comes on imperceptibly, giving abundant time to secure crops—then follows the Indian Summer, with its weeks of smoky haze—and finally winter sets in, with no change save a gradual increase of cold—and mid-winter is sometimes reached under a clear sky, without cloud or storm.

The cultivation of fruit has but just commenced in earnest. The few orchards which have begun bearing, yield abundantly. Every variety flourishes finely, and it is reduced to a certainty that this section will soon become celebrated for the quality and quantity of its fruit.

Dairying is also a branch of agriculture admirably fitted to this county .-

Wild grass in immeasurable abundance, covers the surface, and for winter, costs only the cutting. Stock flourish upon it. The cultivation of tame grasses has commenced in various quarters, and is not a doubtful experiment. Sheep do well, and are being rapidly introduced. In short, every production of New England or New York, will be found fitted to our soil and climate.

#### RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES, &c.

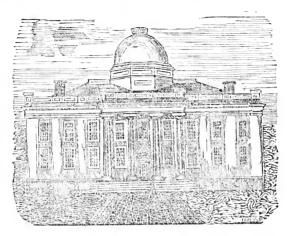
Accurate data are not within reach, showing the condition of the several religious societies in the county. It may be said of them, however, that they are in as flourishing a condition as the circumstances of a newly settled community will permit; and the conveniencies for public worship are steadily increasing. The principal organized societies are, Congregationalist, Methodist, Catholic, Presbyterian Seven Day Boptists, Episcopalians, Free Will Baptists, &c., and it may be others.

## MADISON.

Madison the Capital of Wisconsin and County Seat of Dane county, occupies the isthmus between the Third and Fourth Lakes. It is in the geographical centre of the county, and near the centre of the basin of the Catfish. The land on which it is located rises abruptly from the shore of the Third Lake about fifty feet, and from thence ascends gradually, going north-west, until the centre of the Capitol Fark is reached, about 70 feet above the Lakes. From thence with a little greater slope, it pitches to the north west, descending gradually until near the Fourth Lake, when it rises with considerable abruptness about 75 feet, and then falls off boldly to the shore of the Fourth Lake-the distance across being about three-fourths of a mile.-Following the cardinal points, the ground descends every way from the Capitol, all the streets from the corners of the square terminating in the lakes, save the western. which slopes gradually about half a mile, and then rises, until at the distance of exactly one mile from the capitol, it attains an elevation of at least 125 feet. This is COLLEGE HILL, the magnificent site of the University of the State, of which the full design will be seen in the frontispiece. Fourth Lake washes the north base of this hill, at the termination of the ground at the right of the engraving.

The site of the village was selected by the Hon. JAMES D. DOTY, in 1832. The land was entered by Mr. D. associated with S. T. MASON, of Michigan, in 1835, and the plat made out in 1836. The first settlers in the place were EBEN PECK and family, on the 8th of June, 1807. On the 11th, AUGUSTUS A. BIRD and SIMEON MILLS arrived. Mr. B. was accompanied by forty workmen, he having the contract for building the Capitol. The family of JOHN PIERCE was with them, being the second settler with a family. The party were employed in Milwaukee, mostly off of steamers. They set out on the 1st of June, with four teams-forded Rock River at Johnson's Rapids. (near the present village of Watertown.) and the Crawfish at what is now Millford. There being no read, they run by the compass, or followed Indian trails. It rained incessantly until the party reached Sun Prairie in this county, (so named from the circumstance of the storm breaking and the sun for the first time on the route, coming out bright and clear.) and they faully arrived in Madison on the 11th, having been eleven days in getting through! The Capitol was located here in February, 1827, and during the same month, JOHN CATLIN and MOSES M. STRONG came through from Mineral Point, and staked out the centre of the village. Catlin employed a Frenchman to put up a log house, was appointed Post Master, and came here to reside in June of the same year. In September, 1837, JOHN STONER and family settled on the corporation, being the third in the place. Among the party

who came out with Bird, and remained permanently, were DARWIN CLARK and DAVID HYER. Most of the party left on the completion of the Capitol. The families of Messrs. Bird, Mills, and Hyer came on in 1838.



#### VIEW OF THE CAPITOL OF WISCONSIN.

At the time the Capitol was located, the only settlers in the county were EBE-NEZER BRIGHAM, at Blue Meunds, and ABEL RASDEL, located near First Lake. An idea of the isolation of the founders of the village will be obtained, when we state that the nearest settlement, properly so called, on the north, was at Fort Winneba-go-40 miles; on the east, Watertown—same distance; south east, Janesville, about the same; and on the west. Mineral Point, 55 miles. The population of the state then did not probably exceed 10.000, and of course widely scattered. The new comers found a band of about 200 Winnebago Indians encamped at the foot of King Street near the present Lake House; and the hill, now so beautified with groves, a smooth prairie, crossed in various directions with the trails of the red men, and containing a very thin growth of oaks.

Various causes operated to retard the growth of the village, a few of which we will mention.

- 1st. The location of the Capitol brought a swarm of speculators who entered all the lands about for miles; and lots and kinds were then held at higher prices than they probably will be for a generation to come. Who does not remember the follies of that period?
- 2d. The location is exactly in the centre of the state, cast and west. Vast tracts of fertile country remained to be filled on each side, before the advaucing multitude reached, and met in the interior, for purposes of settlement. The census table on another page shows the time of this meeting, and the rapid increase since.
- 3d. The canal for a water-power was laid out on the plat in such a manner that its improvement was impossible for a number of years.

Now all these evils are remedied. Speculators, finding themelves losing, have sold and are selling at prices within the reach of all; and the effect is every where manifest. Population in both county and village is advancing with giant strides. And the water-power is now employed in running some of the most extensive mills in the state.

The following table, showing the number of houses erected in Madison during the years mentioned, is taken from records kept by the writer, and published yearly. It shows a rapid advance.

1847	 
	117
	Estimated 180

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS, &c.

The engraving of the Capitol gives but an imperfect representation of the building. The material used in its construction is magnesian limestone, excellent quarries of which are opened within a mile and a half of the village. It is in the centre of a Park, containing fourteen acres, filled with native forest trees, and the ground slopes slightly in every direction from the building. The lakes are in view from every part of the enclosure, and on ascending to the dome, a magnificent presscape spreads out all around, wild and gentle: a couple more lakes in sight, high rolling prairies, sylvan groves, and graceful swales opening glimpses of beauties beyond the verge of the apparent boundaries of the valley. The view compasses a circuit of from six to fifteen miles, and is not excelled any where. The building is plain, substantial, and convenient—containing all the state offices. It cost about \$50.000.

The Court House is a fine stone structure just erected. The engraving presents a front view, and is an accurate representation. It is unquestionably the best county building in the state, and cost \$16.000.

Directly west of the Capitol, and a mile distant, on the margin of Fourth Lake, towers the University of the State, the full design of which is shown in the frontispiece the stands on ground elevated over 100 above the Lakes, in a park containing fifty-five acres. When the whole is completed, it will be an ornament to, and the pride of, the state. A glance at the purposes and means of the institution, is all that space allows.

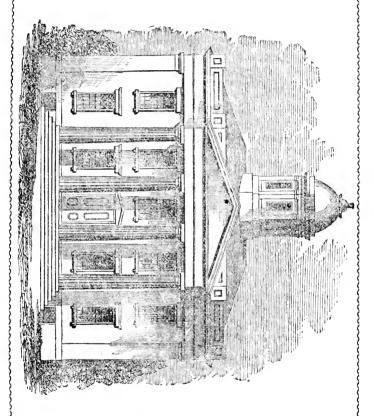
The Institution owes its existence to the munificence of congress, which granted, to the state in trust, seventy-two sections (46,080 acres.) of the choicest lands, as an endowment. These lands were selected at an early day; and the state, as trustee, has charge of them. At a moderate valuation, they ought to produce a fund of \$400.000, the interest on which, when available, will suffice for the purposes intended; and when this is accomplished, tuition will be free to every youth in the state desiring to enjoy its advantages. The plan is one of far-seeing sagacity, and the University but completes what is to be commenced in the common schools, academies, and normal schools. Nothing of a sectarian character is to be admitted; and the higher branches of learning only will be taught. It is already accumulating the means of imparting such knowledge, by the formation of a library, the collection of cabinets, &c. &c., and with the manifestation of proper liberality on the part of the public, will confer immeasurable benefit on the present, and future generations.

As to the future prospects of Madison, it is only necessary to cite a few of the advantages it possesses, to show that it offers far greater inducements to the permanent settler, the transient man, and all others, than any other village or city in the west.

The capital of the state, centre of public business, annual meeting of the legislature, State Conventions; Masonic, Odd Fellows, and Sons of Temperance Coventions, have the effect of bringing here many threes in the year hosts of people from all parts of the state.

The county seat of one of the largest and most productive counties in the state. The seat of the University of Wisconsin, with its munificent endowment, and the buildings already in process of construction, will afford the most ample advantages of education.

For a watering place, or public resort during the hot seasons of the year. The beauty of its surrounding lakes and scenery surpasses anything in the Union.



Geographically central, the main traveling channels all centre and pass here, affording most convenient business factities.

Taking these advantages, together with the impetus given to business generally, by the extensive improvements made upon the abundant water power afforded here within the last 2 years, it will require but a few years for Madison to outstrip anything inland in the west.

Now, the village is altegether in arrears with the adjacent country—three years at least—and a great want of mechanics, manufacturers, and traders is felt here.—t'apitalists, too would find here a field for action, well worthy their attentio i, in the opportunities offered by the proprietors, in the way of building, &c.

We may say, in conclusion that nature has prepared Wisconsin for a rapid growth and an early maturity .

To open the dense forests of Ohio, and to clear the soil from the hindrances to high cultivation, was the work of one generation, at least. So, on the other hand, the entire destitution of timber which characterizes large portions of Illinois, must defer the settlement of the entire surface of that, tate, to a distant day.

In Wisconsin the prairies are numerous but comparatively small; and in very few instances does the distance of the timber present any obstacle to their immediate settlement and successful cultivation. The oak openings, with timber barely sufficient for fence and fire wood, may be made by two or three years culture to present the aspect and the capabilities of old farms. The marsh or tow prairie, (of limited extent, and skirted by arable lands.) producing in abundance a natural grass, adapted to the winter as well as the summer sustenance of the stock of the settler, will by the introduction of cultivated grasses, he easily converted into the best meadows in the world. The numerous lakes which stud the surface of the state, with their connecting water courses, add beauty and attraction to the landscape.

If to these peculiar physical features, we add the general fertility of the soil, the salubrity of the climate, and command of both the eastern and the southern markets we shall be at no loss to account for the rapid settlement of Wisconsin, and the certainty of early and ample returns for investments made in the state.

All the elemen's of presperity, above enumerated, are as favorably combined in the county of Dane as in any section of Wisconsin. This large central county—with, soil and climate unsurpassed; with its continued alternations, in just proportion, of woodland and opening, of prairie, natural meadow and lake—presents a combination of attractions to the enterprising settler and the thorough farmer, which will insure its rapid improvement, and its early maturity, in all those interests which go to make up the thrift and general well being of a highly favored agricultural community.

With the advancement of Dane county in wealth and population, the rapid increase of Madison as the depot of its trade, the sent of its home manufacturers, and its ordinary market town, may be safely assumed. As the natural business point for a numerous and wealthy rural population, it cannot fail to become a large and flourishing town—and that at an early day.

But in assigning causes for the future growth of Madison, we are not limited to the consideration of the wealth of its surroundings, and the natural extent of its country trade. As the permanent capital of Wisconsin, as the seat of the richly endowed University of the state, and as the probable locality of other state institutions which naturally cluster about the metropolis, Madison has special advantages which cannot fail greatly to quicken its growth and to make it a desirable place of residence, a commanding business point, as well as a more available market for agricultural products of Dane and the neighboring counties.

Hitherto we have been accustomed to look for the larger market towns of the interior, on navigable waters, where the packet or the steamboat could discharge its

freight to be wagoned into the country, and where the disembarked emigrant could purchase his out-fits in preparation or his new home. It is as points of debarkation, that Cleveland, Sandusky, and Toledo, in Ohio, Detroit, in Michigan, and Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha, in our own state, have sprung into being.

But the experience of a few past years has demonstrated conclusively, that the business of the country is destined to be done, in constantly increasing measure, on railroads. The point may now be regarded as well settled, that the boat cannot compete successfully with the car of either class, in the transportation of passengers; and in carrying of produce and merchandize, the car is gaining largely, year by year, on the boat.

The result towards which this gradual revolution in the business of the country is obviously tending, is to neutralize the advantages which have heretofore been enjoyed by the lake and river towns. It is quite safe to go still far her, and to say, that the advantage will be transferred to towns wholly inland, in the midst of their customers, and not, as in case of the other class of towns, in one angle of the several communities whose business agents they are—the great mart on the ocean shore, being equally acceptable to all.

Take away from Albany the fact of its being the seat of the state government, neither it nor Troy has any advantage over Utica, Syracuse, or Bechester. Columbus and Dayton are equal to Cleveland, and may surpass it. The Central Railroad has called into being large and flourishing towns in the interior of Michigan, and the Southern road, as a link in the chain from New York to the Mississippi, may isolate Detroit, and build up some inland rival.

If, then we superadd to the other elements of prosperity enjoyed by Madison, the consideration that it is destined to become the centre of a system of railroad communication extending to every portion of the state, and in connexion with systems beyond its boundaries, we need assign no finits to the growth of the town, except such as may be set by supineness and normal policy of its own property holders.

With enlightened enterprise on the part of its citizens, with a just appreciation of the capabilities of its position, and above all, with an open and liberal policy towards the stranger who may be seeking a new home in the west, the expectations of the most sangnine will be more than realized in the Madison of 1860.

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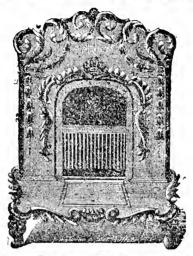
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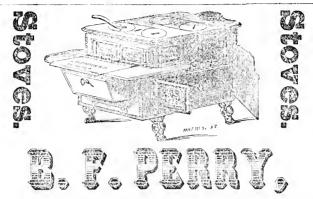
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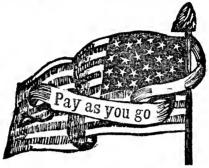
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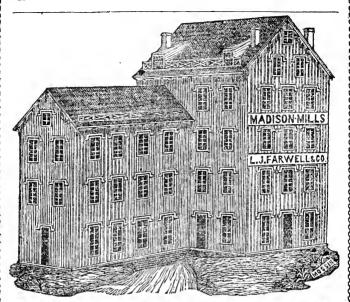
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